IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA AUGUSTA DIVISION

ERICA LYNN RHODES,)	
Plaintiff,)	
V.)	CV 116-042
MENTOR WORLDWIDE LLC, A Johnson & Johnson Company,)))	
Defendant.)	
	ORDER	

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16(b) and the Local Rules of this Court, and having reviewed the Rule 26(f) Report, the Court **GRANTS** the parties' joint request to stay discovery to allow the parties to brief a threshold issue of law regarding federal preemption. (Doc. no. 9, \P 6, 7.) The Court also adopts the proposed briefing schedule on the preemption issue as follows:

Defendant's Motion Due	June 1, 2016
Plaintiff's Response Due	July 1, 2016
Defendant's Reply Due	July 8, 2016

In the event the case survives the ruling on the preemption motion, the parties shall file, within seven days of the presiding District Judge's ruling, a supplemental Rule 26(f) Report containing proposed, date-certain deadlines for the completion of all discovery and filing civil motions.

SO ORDERED this 20th day of May, 2016, at Augusta, Georgia.

BRIAN K. EPPS

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA